

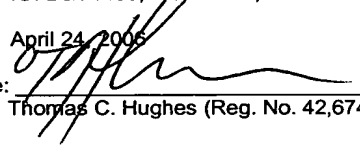
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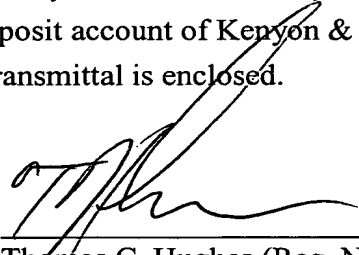
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Final Office Action mailed November 22, 2005, for the above-identified application.

Applicant hereby requests a two month extension of time for responding to the Final Office Action. The extended period for response expires on **April 24, 2006** (Since the deadline for filing a response is April 22, 2006, which falls on a Saturday, the response is considered timely filed on the following Monday, April 24, 2006, which is the next business day). Please charge the two month extension fee for a small entity of **\$225.00** and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**. A duplicate of this Transmittal is enclosed.

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SIR:

This addresses the Office Action of November 22, 2005. Initially, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.